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REMARKS

Claims 1-361 are pending in the present application with claims 1, 11, 12, 30, 32, 35, 37, 38, 39, 59, 60, 79, 80, 85, 86, 91, 103, 104, 114, 119, 131, 143, 155, 167, 181, 193, 205, 217, 229, 241, 253-255, 267, 279 and 291-306 selected for examination in view of the multiplicity rejection which Applicants have traversed. The Examiner has withdrawn the remaining claims (the "non-selected" claims) from examination.

In the response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2001 (the "Response"), Applicants amended certain non-selected claims, i.e., claims 2, 3, 16, 22, 31, 64, 88-90, 308-311, 314, 318, 325-330, 332, 340, 341, 343-346, 349, 353, 360 and 361. Applicants explained that the amendments to these non-selected claims posed no extra burden for the Examiner. Because the Examiner has requested that the amendments to the non-selected claims be withdrawn, Applicants hereby withdraw the amendments to the non-selected claims as set forth in the Response.

Applicants note that the non-selected claims are still pending and have not been canceled and that the issue of the appropriateness of the multiplicity rejection versus a restriction requirement remains. As set forth in the Response, the claims of the application may be divided into five groups.

Group I includes claims 1-38, 60-79, 119, 131, 292, 298, 301, 302, 310, 311, 327-333, 336, 337, 345 and 346. These claims are directed to generation of music tones in a portable terminal set based on music information and configuration information associated to the timbre of the music tone.

Group II includes claims 104-118, 308, 309, 343 and 344. These claims are directed to karaoke performance in a portable terminal set.

Group III includes claims 143, 144, 147, 150, 153-156, 159, 162, 165-167, 170, 173, 176, 179-182, 185, 188, 191-194, 197, 200, 203-206, 209, 212, 215, 216, 312-317 and 347-352. These claims are directed to the creation and control of musical tones in a portable terminal set.

Group IV includes claims 86, 88-91, 94-99, 217-228, 253, 254, 305, 306, 318, 321, 322, 340, 341, 353, 356 and 357. These claims are directed to format conversion of music information in a portable terminal set.

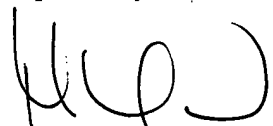
Group V includes claims 279-291, 325, 326, 360 and 361. These claims are directed to downloading of music data in streaming form for realizing trial listening of music in a portable terminal set.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 393032016800. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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